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In re application of : DECISION ON PETITION
Berndt et al. : TO MAKE SPECIAL
Application No. 10/053,851 : (INFRINGEMENT)
Filed: October 25, 2001 :
For: DRY CLEANING BUSINESS MODEL ALGORITHM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R §1.102(d) to make the above-identified application special that was filed on April 28, 2003.

The petition requests that the above-identified application be made special under the procedure set forth in MPEP 708.02, item II: Infringement.

MPEP 708.02 states that a Petition to Make Special based on Infringement must have the following: (1) the appropriate petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i); (2) a statement by the assignee, applicant, or attorney alleging: (A) that there is an infringing device or product actually on the market; (B) that a rigid comparison of the alleged infringing device or product with the claims of the application has been made, and that, in his or her opinion, some of the claims are unquestionably infringed; and (C) that he or she has made a careful and thorough search of the prior art, or has good knowledge of the prior art, and has sent a copy of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims.

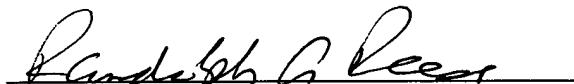
The petition filed February 11, 2002 lacks requirement 2(C), above. In view of this deficiency, the petition is **DISMISSED**.

Applicant has not submitted a copy of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims.

Any request for reconsideration must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. Should petitioner desire reconsideration, he should supplement this petition by a declaration or statement giving the information as outlined above.

Applicant should promptly submit a renewed petition to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231. The envelope should indicate that the correspondence be brought to the attention of Technology Center 3600.

Until the renewed petition is submitted, the application will be returned to the examiner's docket to await treatment on the merits in the normal order of examination.



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